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Q. WHAT IS THE US ATTITUDE ON THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CANADA AND INDIA REPORTED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES?

A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TEAM HAS BEEN
NEGOTIATING AN UPDATED NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THAT SOME UNDERSTAND-
INGS HAVE BEEN REACHED WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT TO APPROV-
AL BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS. (IF PRESSED ON SPECIFICS E.G.
AS TO WHETHER THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL PERMIT INDIA TO
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MAKE ADDITIONAL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES;) WHILE WE DO NOT

KNOW THE SPECIFICS OF THE AGREEMENT, CANADA HAS BEEN AT
THE FOREFRONT OF EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE
SAFEGUARDS AND OTHER EXPORT CONTROLS TO INHIBIT FURTHER
NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ANY
AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN CANADA AND INDIA WILL BE
CONSISTENT WITH THESE EFFORTS. INGERSOLL

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